

**Climate Change Policy Task Force Meeting  
September 12, 2008  
Review of Agenda and Draft Straw Proposal**

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. To develop a conceptual framework for the types of potential actions to include in further deliberations
2. To develop a draft list of potential actions for a wedge analysis to be prepared by CSNE for the next Task Force meeting

**Goals Discussion:** A review of the current scientific information and other state plans as they relate to GHG reductions goals will be presented. A discussion of the current NEG/ECP goals previously adopted by NH will follow.

**Proposed Principles/Mission Statement:** We have received numerous comments suggesting that the Task Force establish principles or a mission statement that would provide the basis for its deliberations. The following draft principles are proposed for initial discussion purposes.

- 1) Maximize greenhouse gas emission reductions in a sustainable manner to move the State, as quickly as possible, toward the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 75-85% by 2050.
- 2) Direct investments and choose those potential actions that provide the greatest economic benefit to NH's economy.
- 3) Balance social and economic equity to ensure that policies and actions do not disproportionately affect those less able to pay.
- 4) Reduce vulnerability to climate change impacts by developing adaptive measures to address existing and future impacts of climate change.

**Approach to Developing a Draft Straw Proposal:** The following is a proposed conceptual framework for developing the Task Force' recommendations.

- Identify unifying themes
  - identify high priority potential actions within each theme
  - also identify high priority supporting actions
- Do not reject any potential actions but instead hold the remainder of actions for "on-going reassessment." (Note that the final Action Report will address how "on-going reassessment" will be conducted.)
- Prepare a suite of potential recommendations as a straw proposal for discussion and wedge analysis (see attached table for an initial straw proposal)
- First review whether the proposed groups and types of actions are appropriate
- Once the general framework seems reasonable, then identify and discuss individual actions that Task Force members may want to add or subtract
- Within certain individual actions, discuss and agree on the recommended level of action to take (e.g., there are a range of actions and associated costs under RCI Action 1.2 – Maximize Energy Efficiency in Existing Residential Buildings from targeting 15,000 homes up to 30,000 homes and from improving efficiency from 15% to 60%)
- Use supporting materials to guide discussion (see below).
- At the end of each meeting identify the "wedge analyses" to be conducted by CSNE based on the straw proposal or proposals developed.

The following supportive materials will be available during deliberations:

1. Action Reports : The most recent versions are available [online](#) and have been released for public comment on the [NHDES Climate Change Policy Task Force webpage](#). We will have a few complete sets at the meeting for your reference.
  - o <http://blogs.nh.gov/nhpress2/climate/?p=340>
  - o <http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/climatechange/ActionPlan/index.html>
2. CSNE summary of emission reductions and costs: The revised version of the CSNE analysis that was presented at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will bring a copy of this table to the meeting for each Task Force member.
3. Matrix of Proposed Actions: We are in the process of preparing a matrix describing the following parameters for action potential action: the geographic implementation, temporal implementation, mechanism of implementation, responsible party, CO<sub>2</sub> reductions in 2025, cost of implementation in 2025, and potential cost benefits in 2025. A portion of the matrix was attached to your email meeting reminder. We will bring a copy of this matrix to the meeting for each Task Force member.

## DRAFT Straw Proposal for Initial Discussions

<b>Education</b>		
<i>Information Sharing</i>	<b>RCI 4.1</b>	Include Energy Efficiency and Conservation in School Curriculum
	<b>RCI 4.3</b>	Reduce Residential Energy Demand through Education and Outreach
	<b>RCI 4.5</b>	Create an Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Systems Web Portal
<i>Training</i>	<b>RCI 4.2</b>	Increase Energy Efficiency through Building Management Education Programs
	<b>RCI 4.4</b>	Establish a Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Education Program
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>		
<i>Primary actions</i>	<b>RCI 1.1</b>	Maximize Efficiency in New Construction
	<b>RCI 1.2</b>	Maximize Energy Efficiency in Existing Residential Buildings
	<b>RCI 1.3</b>	Maximize Energy Efficiency in Existing Commercial, Industrial, and Municipal Buildings
	<b>RCI 1.4A</b>	Upgrade Building Energy Codes
	<b>RCI 1.4B</b>	Increase Building Energy Code Compliance
	<b>RCI 2.1</b>	Create Incentive Programs to Install Higher-Efficiency Equipment, Processes, and Systems
	<b>EGU 1.3</b>	Combined Heat & Power Portfolio Standard
<i>Supporting actions</i>	<b>EGU 1.1</b>	Revenue Decoupling
	<b>EGU 1.2</b>	Energy Efficiency Procurement
	<b>RCI 1.5</b>	Establish an Energy Properties Section in MLS Listings
<b>Renewable/Low Emitting Resources</b>		
<i>Primary actions</i>	<b>RCI 3.1</b>	Promote Renewable Energy and Low-CO <sub>2</sub> e Thermal Energy Systems
	<b>EGU 2.1</b>	Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
	<b>AFW 2.4</b>	Encourage the Use of Biogenic Waste Sources for Energy Generation
<i>Supporting Actions</i>	<b>EGU 2.4</b>	Low- and Non-CO <sub>2</sub> -Emitting Supply-Side Resources
	<b>AFW 1.2</b>	Avoid Forest Land Conversion
	<b>AFW 1.3</b>	Promote Durable Wood Products
	<b>AFW 2.2</b>	Maximize Availability of Biomass for Electricity and Heating within Sustainable Limits

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<b>Transportation/Land Use</b>		
<i>Support Regional/ National Actions</i>	<b>TLU 1.A.2</b>	<b>Support Fuel Economy Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles</b>
	<b>TLU 1.C.1</b>	<b>Adopt a Low-Carbon Fuel Standard</b>
	TLU 1.A.1	Support Stricter Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards
	TLU 1.C.2	Promote Advanced Technology Vehicles and Supporting Infrastructure
<i>Reduce Vehicle Emissions through State Actions</i>	<b>TLU 1.A.3</b>	<b>Adopt California Low Emission Vehicle (CALEV) Standards</b>
	<b>TLU 1.C. 3</b>	<b>Install Retrofits to Address Black Carbon Emissions</b>
	<b>TLU 1.D.1</b>	<b>Address Highway Travel Speeds</b>
	<b>TLU 2.A.1</b>	<b>Implement Commuter Trip Reduction Initiative</b>
	TLU 1.D.2	Address Vehicle Idling
	TLU 1.D.3	Improve Traffic Flow
<i>Appropriate land use patterns that enables less VMT</i>	<b>TLU 2.C.1.a</b>	<b>Assess GHG Development Impact Fees (Conduct Feasibility Study)</b>
	<b>TLU 2.C.1.b</b>	<b>Streamline Approvals for Low-GHG Development Projects</b>
	<b>TLU 2.C.2</b>	<b>Develop Model Zoning to Support Bus/Rail Transit</b>
	<b>TLU 2.C.3</b>	<b>Develop Model Zoning for Higher-Density, Mixed-Use Development</b>
	<b>TLU 2.C.8</b>	<b>Continue/Expand Funding, Education, and Technical Assistance to Municipalities</b>
<i>Reduce VMT through an Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation System</i>	<b>TLU 2.B.1b</b>	<b>Expand Local/Intra-Regional Transit (Bus) Service</b>
	<b>TLU 2.B.2.b</b>	<b>Maintain and Expand Freight Rail Service (first step economic study)</b>
	<b>TLU 2.B.2.c</b>	<b>Implement a Stable Funding Stream to Support Public Transportation</b>
	<b>TLU 2.B.2.d</b>	<b>Implement Recommendations of the I-93 Transit Investment Study</b>
	<b>TLU 2.B.2.e</b>	<b>Expand Park-and-Ride Infrastructure</b>

**Note: Bold indicates a primary action versus a supporting action (not bolded).**